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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the Bill be passed into law."

The motion was put to the House and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

IV

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS ABKARI ACT, 1886.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Sir, I beg to present the Report [a] of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill to amend the Madras Abkari Act, 1886, and move that the Bill as amended by the Select Committee be taken into consideration."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" I second it."

* The hon the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the Bill be taken into consideration."

* The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. President, the report of the Select Committee was circulated only on the 22nd November and there is also one other thing, Mr. President, i.e., that the Bill itself was published only in September and three months have to elapse under the provisions of Standing Order No. 44. I take objection, Mr. President, that fourteen days have not elapsed since the circulation of the report of the Select Committee and three months have not elapsed after publication of the Bill. I assure you, Sir, that it is not the object of the Government to put off the consideration of the Bill, and this may be put down for the next sittings. Moreover, I was informed by Mr. Saldanha that he wanted an adjournment."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think Government have considered the expediency of raising this objection which is based on the non-expiry of three months time from the date of publication of the Bill and the absence of fifteen days notice of the Select Committee report. If the Government fully realized the expediency of raising the objection based on these grounds I should certainly consider whether I should exercise my discretion one way or the other."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. President, the Government did consider and that is why the objection is being pressed now."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" What is the inconvenience to Government on account of short notice under both the heads ? I ask for this information as I have to use my discretion after being convinced of the difficulties faced by Government."

* The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The difficulty faced by Government on this occasion is that the Select Committee's report was placed in our hands only on the 22nd and on enquiries made in the Legislative Council office as to whether this Bill would come up for discussion during this meeting, we were informed that the office had not heard anything about it. Of course, there is no rule which requires the author of the Bill to give such notice, but rightly or wrongly, we thought that, as the report of the Select Committee was circulated only on the 22nd, the Bill would not come up for consideration now. Moreover, there are some important points on which Government have to come to some conclusion and I was informed also this morning by the hon. the Mover that he wanted an adjournment."

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 262–265 infra.

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT (addressing Mr. Saldanha) :—" Does the hon. Member require an adjournment of the matter ?"

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I don't object to his application for adjournment for this reason. At present, we find that the Select Committee's report was placed only on the 22nd in our hands. And, there are some important papers which were placed before the Select Committee . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" We shall go into the question later on. I now want to know whether the hon. Member is in favour of adjournment of the consideration of the Bill "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Yes, Sir."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Since the hon. Mover as well as the Government is in favour of adjournment, I use my discretion in allowing the objection."

V

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 1920.[a]

* Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Mr. President, I beg to move that leave be granted for referring the Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, to a select committee composed of more than fifteen members under Standing Order No. 40 (2)."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" I second it, Sir."

* The hon the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the provisions of Standing Order No. 40 (2) be suspended. I take it that the House is ready for a vote."

The motion was put to the House and carried.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" I beg to move that the Bill be referred to a select committee composed of the following members :—

(1) The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan.
(2) The hon. the Advocate-General.
(3) Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao.
(4) ,, P. Anjaneyulu.
(5) ,, Abdul Hamid Khan Sahib.
(6) ,, K. V. R. Swami.
(7) ,, K. R. Karant
(8) ,, J. A. Davis.
(9) ,, S. Satyamurti.
(10) Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar.
(11) Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu.
(12) Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.
(13) ,, Daniel Thomas.
(14) Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar.
(15) Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
(16) ,, K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar.
(17) ,, L. K. Tulasiram.
(18) ,, S. Venkiah.
(19) The Zamindar of Gollapalli.
(20) Mr. K. Uppi Sahib.
(21) Swami A. S. Sahajanandam.
(22) Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" I second it, Sir."

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The motion has two aspects, viz., whether the Bill is to be referred to a Select Committee and secondly the names of the members of the Select Committee. I wish to know whether the Government propose to oppose the motion of reference to the Select Committee." 12-15 p.m.

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, I want to oppose the motion."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It will be convenient to discuss the question of reference to a select committee first."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I was rather taken by surprise by my hon. Friend moving this. It was only yesterday that he had a talk with me and I told him that this would have to be adjourned. But it is his look-out and I have nothing to say on this matter. And the only thing I have got to submit to the House is that the Government have got a Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act and this Bill has been referred to the various district municipalities to secure their opinion and we are slowly receiving their opinions. I have also referred this Bill to the municipalities because I do not know what the opinion of the municipal chairmen and the municipal councillors will be on this Bill. I know some of the amendments of the Government are original and a few of my hon. Friend's amendments are even more original. I hope to place the Bill before the House after we have taken the opinion of the municipalities, which are coming in large numbers and they will be placed before a committee of members of this House, some of whom are those who have had some experience."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" In what century? (Laughter.)

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am sorry my hon. Friend interrupts me. I may tell him that we are now moving in quick times and so a century may be a minute now. (Laughter.) Under these circumstances I must oppose the reference of this Bill to a select committee."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Sir, we have a Minister in power who has produced nothing ; and judging from what was done during the last two years I challenge him whether he has produced any first-class legislation, any first-class Bill He has not, because he cannot, he dare not. For every gesture he must seek the help and advice of those sitting behind him, of those sitting on both his sides and of those sitting below the gangway ; and the result is that he has not produced a single piece of legislation. As regards the University Bill we saw yesterday that we had half-finished it. The other half remains and I do not know how long it will take and you know well to whom the framing of this Bill is due. You know as well as I do, that the Government with its army of officers, to wit, secretaries, assistant secretaries, superintendents and Law (Drafting) officers, have not been able to place their amendments before us. I have occasionally urged, and I prefer to urge once more, that that Bill will not be before the House but for our using the slender resources of us on this side of the House. Therefore I suggest to the hon. the Minister who lives in glass-house, not to throw stones at others. The Madras University Bill came from this side of the House and then my hon. Friend, brought in another amending Bill. The exception proves the rule. We are willing to help the hon. the Minister, and this present Bill is one such, and we get a reply that it is a measure on which his heart is set. When the time comes to assess the work of this ministry one

of their most damaging failures will be that their legislative programme has been absolutely barren. This is not the first time hon. Members on this side of the House have attempted to bring in amendments to the District Municipalities and Local Boards Acts. Whenever any such motion is made, instead of grasping the proffered help, the hon. the Minister says Government are considering the amendment of the Elementary Education Act, the City Municipal Act, the Local Boards Act, the Madras District Municipalities Act, the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, the safeguarding of Industries Act, and so on. I fear there are at least eight or nine Bills which the Government have been considering during the last two years and as far as I can see they have not made any progress and at the next meeting of the Council they will say they are still considering the matter. (Laughter.) Do you know why, Sir? The hon. the Minister knows that he has no party and therefore when he wants the Local Boards Act amended, he goes to the boards themselves and asks them 'Will you oblige me by committing suicide'. He approaches the taluk boards and says 'Will you, my fellow, commit suicide by signing the warrant of death?'. I submit, Sir, this is not the action of a responsible Minister having a party behind him and posing as the custodian of the interests of local self-government; I submit my Friend cannot go one inch forward with regard to the local boards. He appoints committees and sub-committees and every day the newspapers abound with pungent criticism of the authors of the Bill. I must say here that all the district boards including that of the district from where the hon. Member, now sitting near to the Minister, comes (laughter) have all condemned the Bill as unwarranted. Is this House going to listen to the argument trotted out by the Minister and vote against this Bill being referred to a select committee? My hon. Friend from Bezwada takes pains, collects materials, drafts a Bill, it goes into the gazette, it is published for open public criticism, and when he brings it into this House to have it referred to a Select Committee, my hon. Friend does not examine a provision of it, does not say what is wrong with it, but simply and quietly gets up and says Government have got a similar Bill. This House therefore is tamely invited to commit legislative suicide Sir, private Members work under very great handicap in this House as they do in all other Houses. When a private Member by a sheer accident succeeds in piloting a Bill, and when it has passed all the preliminary stages and comes to the stage of being referred to a select committee, is it fair, is it right for the Government to oppose it, not on its merits, not because a particular clause of the Bill is defective but on the simple and sole ground that another Bill is going to be brought by the Government! That is an argument which I hope this House will not accept. A Government must either govern or resign. If it wants to govern it must legislate. My hon. Friend has got his own views on all these matters. If he cannot enforce those views, why should he not make room for others but also stand in the way of the Opposition taking the initiative? My hon Friend is not the only elected Member. We too are elected Members and we have constituencies behind us. We shall put forward what we consider to be best in the interests of the country so that the electors may know what we shall do when we were in power. It is strange that the electors should send their representatives to the legislature and when they come here they should be obstructed and opposed by the Government not on the ground of merits but on the barren ground that the Government also intend to bring forward a measure of the sort, knowing full well that it cannot do so. Under these circumstances is it right, is it

chivalrous, for the hon. the Minister not to allow the Member for Bezwada to try his chance in the House, so that he will have the satisfaction that he has placed his views and we would have the satisfaction that but for the Government obstruction we would have succeeded, the Government themselves having no programme at all? Sir, this is a serious outrage on the fundamental rights of this House and I hope every Member will rise in revolt and support the reference of this Bill to a Select Committee."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"I would not advise the Mover to withdraw, merely because the Chief Minister promises to bring forward a similar Bill. I brought a Bill to amend the Elementary Education Act but on the suggestion of the Chief Minister I withdrew it, because of his comprehensive Bill. I regret very much now for having done so (laughter) because the Government Bill will not see the light at all. I intend therefore to bring mine again. I am afraid the Chief Minister Dr. Subbarayan is suffering from barrenness in legislation. There is in the House an unholy alliance between the Justice party and the Ministerialist party. My Friend, the Chief Minister, was once a member of the Justice party. He kicked it hard, very hard and broke out from it as if it were a Justicide. He has now combined with it or the Justice party joined him to do no good, no justice to the country in regard to legislation or in regard to anything. The only piece of big feat they have performed is the communal service order. I am not going to discuss the merits of this Bill. Those who read the Statement of Objects and Reasons will be persuaded that it is high time that we should carry out some drastic changes in our municipal law. The Chief Minister promises much, but he is impotent. There is a conflict in his own party. There is a conflict between the Justice party and his party. So the hon. Minister cannot please everybody, and if he brings 12-30 p.m. forward any measure, that would be pleasing nobody. So our party has made up its mind to bring forward all the Bills which this Ministry is competent but unable to bring. I have already introduced more than one Bill, I have two Bills on hand. I have given notice of another Bill. I am sure it will be competent to this Party to carry on legislation which this Ministry will not be able to pass without incurring the displeasure of the country. We will have sooner or later to go before the electorates for their franchise. The Ministerialists as also the Justice party will have to go before the electorate. We shall go before them with our record of legislation. We may be defeated in our attempts at legislation. Never mind. But the country will see that we have got noble objects and noble ideals and can carry them out if given power to do so."

* Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"Mr. President. Sir, I am keenly sorry that the hon. the Chief Minister should have brushed aside this proposal in a very cavalier fashion. He has not given thought to the question as to whether the Bill that has been presented is a Bill that deals with one or two details only or a Bill that is really comprehensive If he has the patience to go through the objects and reasons and explanation of the clauses he would find that my hon. Friend from Kistna has made a special study of the subject and has introduced a comprehensive scheme of amendment of this particular Act. The Chief Minister seems to be under the peculiar impression that the Government must have the last word on all these matters, and the initiative must always come from the Government. It is a very fallacious position to take up, and it is very fallacious in a

constitution like this because the Minister himself works under a great many handicaps. He ought to have considered his own position very carefully. He ought to have realized the responsibility that he owes to the country in a more careful manner than he has hitherto chosen to pursue. He knows that he has been unable to do anything in this matter for a long time past. He came into office two years ago. It is now the third year almost that he is living as a Minister, and from the beginning of his term it has been evident that this House wanted an amendment of the District Municipalities Act. From time to time he has made promise after promise to amend this particular piece of legislation or another particular piece of legislation. From time to time amendments have been suggested on the floor of this House. As long as the amendments were in regard to minor details, he might have said, 'I am bringing forward a more comprehensive Bill. This is a mere detail, and my comprehensive Bill includes this detail. Therefore, I object to a committee being appointed'. But now, Sir, I do not understand the rationale of his objection at all. It is open to him even to-day, when the Select Committee has been appointed, to get opinions on this very Bill from the bodies that he wants to consult and refer all these opinions to the Select Committee for scrutiny, examination and such use as the Select Committee may make of that evidence. If he desires to amend the Bill in any particular manner differently from my friend from Kistna, it is open to him to bring in amendments and incorporate his Bill into the Bill that has been moved by my friend from Kistna. Under these circumstances, I am afraid, Sir, that the hon. the Chief Minister is relying too much upon his position as Chief Minister, and too much upon our weakness in our not having a majority to throw him out of office. He is really playing with this House in these matters. He has evinced no responsibility at all and it is time that he carefully thought about it for his own reputation. I am not threatening him, I know that he does not care for threats from this side, but I would advise him to take care of his own reputation, his administration having been so barren of results. He cannot go on so light-heartedly brushing aside the necessities of national development. As a matter of fact, the Municipalities Act has been crying for amendment, and no amendment has been effected, not even the slightest amendment; not even an amendment of any detail has been achieved by this Government. I do not propose to survey any further the conduct of the Chief Minister in regard to legislation. Suffice it to say that if he opposes the reference of this particular piece of amending legislation to a Select Committee, he is merely ignoring the existence of a body of men who have a right to press on his attention the neglect of his own duty to introduce measures of amelioration for the good of the country. He cannot presume to be omniscient and he cannot presume to think of the Opposition in terms of mere negligence. I therefore feel, Sir, that this motion should stand and that the Chief Minister should be told to correct himself."

* Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Mr. President, of course yesterday I had a little private conversation with my friend the hon. the Chief Minister. If he meant to convey that he would introduce his Bill before the next meeting and both the Bills are to go together, I have, of course, no objection whatever. But if he simply asks me to take the consequences of opposition, I am prepared to do so. If this Bill goes by a majority of votes, I am prepared to face the consequences.

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"With regard to the Bill, Sir, the District Municipalities Act as we all know was passed in 1920 by Lord Willingdon's Government just before the Reformed Councils were formed and in the teeth of opposition of the elected Members of the Council and also in spite of their request that it might be taken up by the Reformed Council in 1921. And it contains a lot of provisions which are now in urgent need of repeal. Since that time the Reformed Councils have come in existence with elected majorities. Of course in 1920 we all know that the nominated Members were in the majority. We naturally expected that the Local Boards Act and the District Municipalities Act would be democratized and more freedom given to them as pointed out in the Montagu-Chelmsford Report. That report says, 'there should be as far as possible complete popular control in the local bodies and the largest possible independence for them of outside control.' Those are the lines they indicated as to the progress of local self-government in India. On these lines it was expected that the Reformed Council would bring in amendments to the Acts passed in 1920. But seven years have elapsed without such attempts having been made. Of course, once a comprehensive Bill was attempted to be brought in by the Raja of Panagal, but for some reason or other it was dropped. Now we are at the fag end of the third Reformed Council. Shall we not remove the shackles and restrictions that are existing in the case of these local bodies, remove nominations, remove the control and influence and supervision of the District Collector who is the chief representative of the Reserved side of the Government, and effect reforms in various directions? I drafted the Bill as early as July or August 1927, but on account of my having elected to give preference in the ballot to the Andhra University Bill which was more concerned with my locality, this was postponed to November of that year, but subsequently owing to the Congress ban it could not be moved. Afterwards I gave notice of it, and not only was leave given for its introduction but it was introduced. Now at this stage I would request the House to give a chance to this Bill and to consider its provisions. Of course, I do not claim perfection for my Bill. I have tried to suggest for the Select Committee gentlemen with much municipal experience on various points and also others who are interested in the question of the reservation of seats to minority communities, and improvements may be made in the Select Committee. The hon. the Chief Minister has recently circulated the draft Bill to amend the Municipalities Act. In two matters his Bill and my Bill agree, that general triennial elections to municipal councils should be introduced instead of the present annual elections of one-third by rotation, and also the removal of the disqualification of women on the ground of sex for election to municipal councils. As regards the question of nominations we have differed. He says that nominations should be abolished so far as all other communities are concerned, but he wants that three supernumerary members selected from the European and Anglo-Indian communities and also some Government officials should be nominated by Government for Muslims, Indian Christians and . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I do not think the hon. Member need go into the details of the Bill."

* Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"The Bill is already before the municipal councils. With regard to other things, the hon. Minister has made it

more reactionary I am sorry to observe. For instance, provincialization has been extended to other municipal servants also. He also wanted that the machinery for preparing the electoral rolls and conducting elections should be transferred to the revenue officials, and also that more power should be given for the abolition of councils, etc. These are the only provisions in his Bill, and there are a number of provisions in that with regard to the levy of taxes. Therefore what I beg to submit to this House is this, that my Bill touches a number of sections which are not touched by his Bill. Therefore I cannot introduce the provisions that I want to bring forward in my Bill, by
12-45 p.m. way of amendments to his Bill. His Bill touches some sections and my Bill touches some other sections, and therefore it will be in fairness that his Bill and mine should both be considered by the same committee. I do not see the reasonableness of the position taken up by the hon. Minister in opposing my motion. I therefore submit that this Bill should go before a Select Committee and when the Minister introduces his Bill that should also go before the same Select Committee."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Mr. President, I am much obliged to the lecture of my hon. Friend for the University; I have been accustomed to his lecture not now, but for the last 18 years. My hon. Friend is carrying his class room manners also into the Legislative Council, with what success everybody knows. (Mr. S. Satyamurti: I cannot follow your method of Walpole.) My friend said that my term of office is barren of legislation. It may be so. Circumstances may be such that more legislation has not been possible to be introduced. My friend was entirely mistaken in his idea that the Local Boards and Municipalities Bills are not going to see the light of day. I can assure him that before we meet for the next session, it is very likely that my Bill will be ready for introduction. (A voice: What about Religious Endowments?) I am only dealing with the Local Boards and Municipalities Bills. We will come to Religious Endowments later on. Considering the points of my hon. Friend (Mr. Kaleswara Rao), there are certain grounds on which my Bill and his agree. He said that some of the provisions of my Bill were reactionary. I am glad to hear from no less a person than Mr. Venkatapati Raju that some of the provisions of Mr. Kaleswara Rao's Bill are also reactionary."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"On a point of order, is the hon. the Minister in order in mentioning on the floor of the House what happened in whispers outside."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"It is not at all the concern of the hon. Member. The hon. Minister is quite in order."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Thank you, Sir. As I was saying, my Bill will be ready for introduction very likely at the beginning of the next session. I have also stated to my hon. Friend that the points in my Bill with which he is in disagreement will be considered by the Committee. I thought he was satisfied with my answer, and he also agreed not to press this motion. Now that he has chosen to press this motion, I have no other alternative but to oppose his motion to send this Bill to a Select Committee."

The question that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee was put and declared carried.

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The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan demanded a poll, and the House divided thus:—

Ayes.

1. Mr. V. Ramjee Rao.
2. ,, Sami Venkatachalam Chetti.
3. ,, S. Satyamurti.
4. ,, C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar.
5. ,, T. Adinarayana Chettiyar.
6. ,, P. Anjaneyulu.
7. ,, P. C. Venkatapati Raju.
8. ,, J. A. Saldanha.
9. ,, Abdul Hamid Khan.
10. ,, C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar.
11. ,, G. Harisarvottama Rao.
12. ,, C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar.
13. ,, K. V. R. Swami.
14. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar Bahadur.
15. Mr. D. Narayana Raju.
16. Dr. B. S. Mallayya.
17. Mr. K. Uppi Sahib.
18. ,, K. R. Karant.
19. ,, M. Narayana Rao.
20. ,, C. Obi Reddi.
21. ,, A. Parasurama Rao.
22. ,, C. Ramasomayajulu.
23. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed Sahib Bahadur.
24. Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu.
25. Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao.
26. ,, R. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
27. ,, K. Koti Reddi.
28. ,, L. K. Tulasiram.
29. ,, C. Marudavanam Pillai.
30. ,, K. V. Krishnaswami Nayakar.
31. ,, K. Madhavan Nayar.
32. ,, C. Venkatarangam Nayudu.
33. ,, B. Venkataratnam.
34. ,, K. S. Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar.
35. ,, A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
36. Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar.
37. Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar.
38. ,, T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
39. ,, P. Siva Rao.
40. ,, K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar.
41. ,, K. P. Raman Menon.
42. ,, C. Gopala Menon.
43. ,, B. Ramachandra Reddi.
44. Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu.
45. Rao Sahib S. Ellappa Chettiyar.
46. Diwan Bahadur A. M. M. Murugappa Chettiyar.
47. Kumara Raja of Venkatagiri.

Noes.

1. The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks.
2. ,, Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur.
3. ,, Mr. T. E. Moir.
4. ,, Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar.
5. ,, Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar.
6. ,, Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar.
7. ,, Dr. P. Subbarayan.
8. Rao Bahadur C. V. Anantakrishna Ayyar.
9. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Bazl-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur.
10. Mr. H. A. Watson.
11. ,, C. A. Souter.
12. ,, S. H. Slater.
13. ,, A. McG. C. Tampoe.
14. ,, C. W. E. Cotton.
15. ,, V. Ch. John.
16. ,, M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar.
17. Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur.
18. Mr. A. B. Shetty.
19. ,, J. Bheemayya.
20. ,, J. A. Davis.
21. ,, R. Foulkes.
22. Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur.
23. Mr. J. Kuppuswami.
24. Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappah Bahadur.
25. Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.
26. ,, K. Krishnan.
27. ,, N. Siva Raj.
28. ,, M. V. Gangadhara Siva.
29. ,, V. I. Munuswami Pillai.
30. ,, W. P. A. Soundarapandia Nadar.
31. ,, Daniel Thomas.
32. Rai Sahib M. Hampayya.
33. The Zamindar of Singampatti.
34. Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan.
35. Mr. Kenneth Kay.
36. ,, W. O. Wright.
37. ,, R. J. C. Robertson.
38. ,, H. F. P. Hearson.
39. Rajkumar S. N. Dorai Raja.
40. Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.
41. ,, K. Ramachandra Padayachi.
42. ,, G. R. Premayya.
43. Swami A. S. Sahajanandam.
44. Mr. P. T. Rajan.
45. Khan Bahadur S. K. Abdul Razack Sahib Bahadur.
46. Muhammad Khadir Mohidin Sahib Bahadur.

Neutral.

1. Mr. S. Venkiah.
2. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar.
3. Rao Bahadur K. Sitarama Reddi.
4. The Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
5. Mr. A. V. Bhanoji Rao.

Ayes 47. Noes 46. Neutral 5.

The motion was carried. (There were loud cheering and cries of 'shame' from the opposition benches, and 'resign, resign from Mr. Satyamurti'.)"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Now the House will take into consideration the second part of the question, viz., the members of the select committee "

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" I move that the following names be added to the list of Members of the Select Committee :—

Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar.

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed.

V. Ramjee Rao and myself."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" I move that the two following names be added to the list :—

Mr. S. N. Dorai Raja and Mr. J. A. Saldanha."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I second it."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I don't think the hon. Member will be in order in moving an amendment to his own motion."

Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO :—" I move that the following members be added to the list :—

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai.

Mr. M. V. Gangadhara Siva."

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN :—" I second it."

The motion was carried.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I propose that the name of Mr. Gnanavaram Pillai be added."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" I second it."

The motion was carried.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" I move that the name of Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar be added to the list."

Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR :—" I second it."

The motion was carried.

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I beg to move that the name of Mr. P. Siva Rao be added to the list."

The motion was put and lost.

Mr. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar demanded a poll, and the House divided thus.

27th November 1928]

Ayes.

1. The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks.
2. ,, Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur.
3. ,, Mr. T. E. Moir.
4. ,, Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar.
5. ,, Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar.
6. ,, Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar.
7. ,, Dr. P. Subbarayan.
8. Rao Bahadur C. V. Anantakrishna Ayyar.
9. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Bazl-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur.
10. Mr. H. A. Watson.
11. ,, C. A. Souter.
12. ,, S. H. Slater.
13. ,, A. McG. C. Tampoe.
14. ,, C. W. E Cotton.
15. ,, M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar.
16. ,, Syed Tajudin Sahib.
17. ,, A. B. Shetty.
18. ,, J. Bheemayya.
19. ,, J. A. Davis.
20. ,, R. Foulkes.
21. ,, Mahmud Schamnad Sahib.
22. ,, J. Kuppuswami.
23. Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappah Bahadur.
24. Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.
25. ,, K. Krishnan.
26. ,, N. Siva Raj.
27. ,, M. V. Gangadhara Siva.
28. ,, V. I. Muniswami Pillai.
29. ,, W. P. A. Soundarapandia Nadar.
30. ,, Daniel Thomas.
31. ,, S. Venkiah.
32. Rai Sahib M. Hampayya.
33. The Zamindar of Singampatti.
34. Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan.
35. Mr. Kenneth Kay.
36. ,, W. O. Wright
37. ,, R. J. C. Robertson.
38. ,, H. F. P. Hearson.
39. Rajkumar S. N. Dorai Raja.
40. Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.
41. Swami A. S. Sahajanandam.
42. Mr V. Ramjee Rao.
43. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar Bahadur.
44. Mr. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
45. ,, K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar.
46. ,, K. P. Raman Menon.
47. ,, C. Gopala Menon.
48. ,, B. Ramachandra Reddi.
49. The Raja of Panagal.
50. Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu.
51. Mr. P. T. Rajan.
52. ,, T. K. Chidambaranatha Mudaliyar.
53. Rao Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar.
54. Khan Bahadur S. K. Abdul Razack Sahib Bahadur.
55. Muhammad Khadir Mohidin Sahib Bahadur.
56. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar.
57. Rao Bahadur K. Sitarama Reddi.
58. Mr. V. Ch. John.
59. Diwan Bahadur A. M. M. Murugappa Chettiyar.
60. The Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
61. The Kumara Raja of Venkatagiri.
62. Mr. A. V. Bhanoji Rao.

Noes.

1. Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti.
2. ,, S. Satyamurti.
3. ,, C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar.
4. ,, T. Adinarayana Chettiyar.
5. ,, P. Anjaneyulu.
6. ,, P. C. Venkatapati Raju.
7. ,, J. A. Saldanha.
8. ,, Abdul Hamid Khan Sahib.
9. ,, C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar.
10. ,, G. Harisarvottama Rao.
11. ,, C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar.
12. ,, K. V. R. Swami.
13. ,, D. Narayana Raju.
14. Dr. B. S. Mallayya.
15. Mr. K. Uppi Sahib.
16. ,, K. R. Karant.
17. Mr. M. Narayana Rao.
18. ,, C. Obi Reddi.
19. ,, A. Parasurama Rao.
20. ,, C. Ramasomayajulu.
21. ,, Basheer Ahmad Sayeed Sahib.
22. ,, P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu.
23. ,, A. Kaleswara Rao.
24. ,, R. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
25. ,, K. Koti Reddi.
26. ,, L. K. Tulasiram.
27. ,, C. Marudavanam Pillai.
28. ,, K. V. Krishnaswami Nayakar.
29. ,, K. Madhavan Nayar.
30. ,, C. Venkatarangam Nayudu.
31. ,, K. S. Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar.
32. ,, B. Venkataratnam.

Neutral.

1. Mr. K. Ramachandra Padayachi.
2. ,, G. R. Premayya.
3. ,, A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
4. Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar.
5. Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar.
6. ,, P. Siva Rao.

Ayes 62. Noes 32. Neutral 6.

The motion was carried.

1 p.m. The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, be referred to a select committee consisting of the following members :—

(1) The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan.
(2) The hon. the Advocate-General.
(3) Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao.
(4) " P. Anjaneyulu.
(5) " Abdul Hamid Khan Sahib.
(6) " K. V. R. Swami.
(7) " K. R. Karant.
(8) " J. A. Davis.
(9) " S. Satyamurti.
(10) Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Re diyar.
(11) Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu.
(12) Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.
(13) " Daniel Thomas
(14) Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar.
(15) Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
(16) " K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar.
(17) " L. K. Tulasiram.
(18) " S. Venkiah.
(19) The Zamindar of Gollapalli.
(20) Mr. K. Uppi Sahib.
(21) Swami A. S. Sahajanandam.
(22) Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.
(23) " C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar.
(24) " Basheer Ahmad Sayeed.
(25) " P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu.
(26) " V. Ramjee Rao.
(27) " V. I. Muniswami Pillai.
(28) " M. V. Gangadhara Siva.
(29) " P. J. Gnanavaram Pillai.
(30) " K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar.
(31) " P. Siva Rao."

The motion was put and carried.

VI

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Mr. President, Sir, I move that leave be granted to introduce a Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Sir, I beg to introduce the Bill."